

Update North Boulder Construction Impacts:

28th Street Improvements Project (Iris to Yarmouth); Diagonal Highway Transportation Improvements Project, Right of Way Project, and Wonderland Creek Greenways Improvement Project

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28th Street Improvements Project (Iris to Yarmouth)

The [28th Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements \(Iris to Yarmouth\) project](#), which began in August, is constructing a 10-foot-wide multi-use path along the west side of 28th Street between Iris Avenue and Fourmile Canyon Creek, a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Fourmile Canyon Creek and creating a continuous on-street bike facility on 28th Street between Iris and Yarmouth avenues. This requires widening the existing vehicular bridge at 28th Street at Fourmile Canyon Creek.

The Fourmile Canyon Creek underpass closure at 28th Street continues to be in effect. The city understands this is a source of ongoing concern for parents whose children attend the two schools in the project area, Crestview Elementary and Centennial Middle School. The city is working with the schools, BVSD and the contractor for the project to try to address their safety concerns.

City of Boulder staff reviewed a plan for the temporary opening and closing of the underpass as construction activity allows, but concerns for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists in a construction zone were too great to allow for this to occur. Therefore, the closure of the underpass remains in place because it offers the safest alternative during construction and supports completion of the bridge work within the project schedule.

Some pedestrians and bicyclists continue to use the closed underpass, breaking the safety barriers and passing into the construction zone. To avoid accident or injury, pedestrians and bicyclists are asked to observe the underpass closure and use the detour route. The city has improved the signage for the detour with the purpose of making the route clearer and easier to follow.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 30, the city will place flaggers at the crossing of Palo Parkway and 28th Street, a key intersection of the detour. Flaggers will assist with pedestrian and bicycle crossing for 1.5 hours around the morning and afternoon bell times of Crestview Elementary and Centennial Middle School.

Furthermore, Landon Hilliard with the BVSD Transportation Department is available, by request, to meet parents and students at the intersection to assess the conditions and assist with safe crossings.

To increase the safety of the project area, the contractor has submitted a plan to reduce speeds in the project area to 35 mph. With flaggers in place and speeds reduced, additional signage along 28th street is not thought to be necessary.

Throughout the period of construction, your understanding and patience is much appreciated as city staff continues working with parents, BVSD staff and the project contractor to address everyone's concerns and stay on track for completion by January 2016.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this project, please contact Melanie Sloan, City of Boulder Transportation Planner at 303-441-4934 or by email sloanm@bouldercolorado.gov or Landon Hilliard, BVSD TO School Program Coordinator at 720-561-5931 or by email landon.hilliard@bvsd.org.

Diagonal Highway Transportation Improvements Project

The [Diagonal Highway Transportation Improvements Project](#), which began in August, will reconstruct the deteriorated roadway, construct a new multi-use path on the south side of the Diagonal Highway, build new off-

street bicycle lanes on the north and south sides of the Diagonal Highway and improve transit stops and amenities. The completed project will maintain the number of existing vehicular lanes in each direction.

The Diagonal project will impact pedestrians and bicyclists during construction, including detours.

A one-day detour is planned for Monday, Oct. 5: the Wonderland Creek underpass at the Diagonal Highway and 30th Street will be closed for utility work. Flaggers will direct pedestrians and bicyclists at the underpass to the on-street detour at the 30th Street pedestrian signal.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this project, please contact Melanie Sloan, City of Boulder Transportation Planner at 303-441-4934 or by email sloanm@bouldercolorado.gov.

Right of Way Projects

Right of way areas are areas of land that are owned by the city for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining public facilities such as streets, alleys, sidewalks, bike paths, utilities and other public infrastructure.

Construction in a right of way began Sept. 18 to realign the Wonderland Creek Trail spur from Links Drive. The spur from Links Drive to the path is closed through November 2015.

Detours are in place:

- northbound pedestrians and bicyclists detour north on Paseo del Prado and west on Palo Parkway to the current signal crossing at 28th Street;
- southbound pedestrians and bicyclists detour east on Links Drive, south on Island Drive and west on Kalmia Avenue to the Wonderland Creek trail.

In October, the Wonderland Creek trail between Kalmia Avenue and Palo Parkway is planned to be closed for one week. The dates of the closure are to be determined. We will provide an update when the dates are chosen.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this project, please contact Mark Garcia, City of Boulder Engineering Specialist at 303-441-3291 or by email garciam@bouldercolorado.gov.

Wonderland Creek Greenways Improvements Project

[The Wonderland Creek Greenways Improvement Project](#) will provide flood mitigation between Foothills Parkway and Winding Trail, improvements to the multi-use path system including a new path connection from Foothills Parkway to 30th Street and construction of new pedestrian and bicycle underpasses at the BNSF railroad, Kalmia Avenue, and 28th Street.

The project is scheduled to begin construction this fall or winter. To ensure that construction impacts and detours from one project do not negatively impact other adjacent projects, construction scheduling and phasing is being coordinated with the 28th Street project, the Diagonal project and Right of Way projects.

Additional updates will be provided as the Wonderland project schedule is determined.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this project, please contact Kurt Bauer, City of Boulder Engineering Project Manager at 303-441-4232 or by email at bauerk@bouldercolorado.gov